

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (John 4:43-54)

1. Have you ever approached the Lord in utter desperation for Him to work, move, heal, forgive, etc.?  
What was the situation, and how did the Lord respond?  
What did you learn (or are you still learning) through that experience?
2. Have you ever gone to Lord with a specific need in mind to find Him addressing a deeper need?  
(i.e. asking for Him to remove you from a situation only to find Him teaching you greater things by keeping you in it, etc.)?  
How did that change your life in the moment, and now, looking back, have you found it to have a lasting impact?  
If it didn't have a lasting impact, why do you think that is the case?
3. Do you ever underestimate the power of Jesus?  
Think about this official, he approached Jesus initially looking to bring Him physically to his dying son to bring healing.  
As it turned out, Jesus didn't need to physically be there in order to accomplish His work.  
He spoke and creation listened.  
Think about the power of the Lord on display throughout Scripture:  
the creation narrative in Genesis, the opening chapter of John, & the description of Jesus in Revelation -  
What do these passages reveal about the words spoken by Jesus.  
How does this impact your confidence in Jesus promises in His Word?  
What keeps you back from believing His promises in your life?
4. This is the second time in this chapter where we see a person come to faith in Jesus after having an interaction with Him.  
What are the similarities & differences between their experiences?  
What are their responses after their respective interactions with Jesus?  
How does the Lord use them instrumentally after this?  
What can we learn from their responses?  
Have you responded similar after you've seen the Lord work in your life?
5. What can we do in our lives to maintain the passion & urgency to testify to others of the love/work of Jesus in our lives?  
How do we protect ourselves against the pitfall of growing apathetic toward sharing the message with others?  
What about losing the passion for our own lives, let alone others?  
What are tangible steps we can take to lead us to grow in our love for the Lord and drive to share Him with others?  
What will you commit to doing personally, in this regard to safeguard against this potential threat?
6. Below are the "So What?" statements from the end of the sermon.  
Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?

- 1. Jesus isn't bound by our physical limitations!**
- 2. Jesus can overcome our insufficient faith!**
- 3. We must share with others what Jesus has done!**
- 4. We can trust in the Word of Christ Jesus!**